



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hidekazu KOJIMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2613

Application No.: 09/423,461

Examiner: S. An

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 7, 2004 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for response being extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**